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1. INITIALING OF ALL DOCUMENTS BY MOROKHOV AND ME WAS ACCOMPLISHED THIS MORNING MAY 12 AT MFA (NOT STATE COMMITTEE). JOYCE IS HAND-CARRYING U.S. ALTERNATE TO WASHINGTON TODAY.

2. WE PROPOSED TO KHLESTOV THAT PROCEDURE OUTLINED PARA 3 REFTTEL BE FOLLOWED, WITH ME SIGNING U.S. ALTERNAT AND DOBRYNIN SOVIET ALTERNAT. AFTER CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH HIS EXPERTS, KHLESTOV SAID SOVIETS DID NOT REPEAT NOT AGREE WITH THIS PROECDURE. THEY FEEL IT WOULD IN EFFECT PUT AMBASSADORS IN POSITION OF NOTARIZING AUTHENTICITY OF SIGNATURES OF CHIEFS OF STATE, WHICH THEY CONSIDER UNNECESSARY AND INAPPROPRIATE. KHLESTOV STATED PROCEDURE WOULD NOT BE IN ACCORD WITH USUAL SOVIET PRACTICE AND HE NOTED THAT IT WAS NOT FOLLOWED WITH REGARD TO 1975 MARITIME ACCORD.

3. I TOLD KHLESTOV I WOULD REPORT HIS VIEWS. SPACE ON SIGNATURE PAGES IS AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL
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SIGNATURES, BUT IN VIEW STRONG SOVIET OBJECTIONS I

RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT RPT NOT INSIST ON THEM.

4. ON PUBLISHING DOCUMENTS, SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD
PUBLISH FULL TEXTS OF TREATY, PROTOCOL AND AGREED
STATEMENT IN IZVESTIYA, ALTHOUGH SUMMARIES MIGHT APPEAR
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